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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K.C.I.E.), in the Chair.

Messrs K. M. Ibrahim, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and C. Kunjan Nambudiripad were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

AYURVEDIC HOSPITALS IN TOWNS—AID TO

151. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what proposals, if any, have they before them to aid Ayurvedic hospitals established in towns;

(*b*) if they have none before them, will a scheme of aid be prepared without delay;

(*c*) what do they spend in the vaidyasala in the Trichur Town;

(*d*) do they intend to have their own vaidyasalas in other towns, say for instance in the Chittur Town;

(*e*) if so, will they establish one at an early date?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) None.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) A sum of about Rs. 25,000 a year is spent for the Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, whether this Rs. 25,000 takes in the price of medicines distributed to other hospitals also?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What will be the amount that is spent on that account?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Rs. 10,000

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is it the considered opinion of the Government that no Government Ayurvedic wing be given to Chittur?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think it is the duty of the Chittur Municipal Council to undertake this work and after they take it up, if they apply to Government for some grant, Government will be willing to give them some help. But the primary duty to give medical relief rests upon the Municipality.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* If the Municipality starts an Ayurvedic Hospital and if they request the Government for aid, would they give it?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly it will be considered. We will try to render them all help.

PRESIDENTS OF TOWN COUNCILS—NOMINATIONS—PROCEDURE REGARDING

152. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) whether the Presidents of Town Councils were elected or nominated;

(*b*) whether any kind of election was conducted by the Minister for Rural Development in connection with the appointment or nomination of the Presidents of Town Councils; and if so,

(*c*) what is the procedure adopted in the election;

(*d*) whether it was possible for the Minister from the election conducted by him to understand the names of members who voted for particular candidates?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Nominated.

(*b*) No; but since representations were received from councillors requesting to nominate particular candidates, it was decided to make the appointment after ascertaining the views of the members. Accordingly, the members were consulted before the nomination.

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